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Detroit Metro CVB Honors Westland Resident as Volunteer Service Winner at Annual Recognition of Service Excellence (ROSE) Awards

DETROIT (August 30, 2013)— Westland resident Bob FitzGerald, Airport Ambassador for Wayne County Airport Authority, won a ROSE Award and was recognized along with more than 150 of metro Detroit's most outstanding hospitality professionals for his exceptional service contributions at the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau's (DMCVB) annual ROSE Awards on Wednesday, August 28 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

FitzGerald, winner of the Volunteer category, has been a volunteer at the Wayne County Airport Authority for over three years. In 2012, FitzGerald was awarded with the silver lapel pin for the President's Volunteer Service Award after serving 298.25 volunteer hours, despite having been hospitalized for two months due to a fall. He is always the first to respond to a call for volunteers and happily works any shift that is needed. He truly exemplifies a wonderful volunteer that goes above and beyond.

"With more than 20 million visitors to the metro area each year, the hospitality industry is a significant aspect of the local economy," said DMCVB President & CEO Larry Alexander. "The ROSE Awards allow the community a unique opportunity to thank and honor the men and women, like Mr. FitzGerald, dedicated to providing a positive experience to visitors of the region."

Established in 1994 by the DMCVB, the ROSE Awards is an annual event dedicated to honoring front-line hospitality workers throughout the region who work tirelessly to deliver outstanding customer service in their industry.

ROSE Award nominations were provided by clients, guests, supervisors and the general public. One winner in each of the six categories of: Attractions and Casinos, Behind the Scenes, Hotels, Restaurants, Transportation and Volunteers was chosen on a strict set of criteria including outstanding customer service, ability to problem solve effectively, workplace attitude, knowledge and expertise. One Overall Service Champion, selected by a panel of expert hospitality professionals, was also recognized.

Winners received a prize pack which included gift certificates and tickets to some of the area's most popular restaurants and attractions, a dozen roses and the prestigious crystal ROSE award.

WXYZ's JoAnne Purtan served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening which included entertainment by DJ Prevu and NUCLASSICA, performances by speed painter Dave Santia and more. ROSE Award sponsors included Delta Air Lines, People's Transit, Wesley Berry Flowers, Detroit Tigers and Cavalier Pictures.

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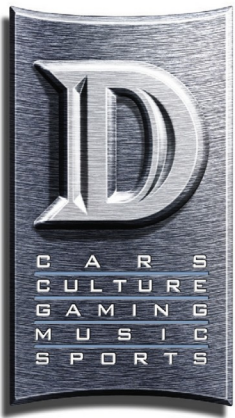
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